



Memorandum

TO: Historic Landmarks Commission

FROM: Courtney Damkroger

SUBJECT: FREE HOUSE NATIONAL
REGISTER NOMINATION

DATE: December 17, 2001

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BACKGROUND

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) has requested the review and comment of the attached nomination of the Arthur Monroe Free House at 66 South 14th Street in the Naglee Park Conservation Area to the National Register of Historic Places. As a Certified Local Government, San Jose is provided the opportunity to comment on National Register nominations concerning property in the City. The Commission's comments will be provided to the State Historic Resources Commission prior to their hearing on the matter on February 1, 2002.

ANALYSIS

The Free House is being nominated by its owner William G. Robson. The Free House is being nominated under Criteria B for its association with the lives of significant persons, namely Miss Lillian MacNeal Palmer and Arthur Monroe Free as well as under Criterion C for its architecture. The house was constructed in 1905 and embodies the Arts and Crafts design, incorporating features associated with several well-recognized Bay Area architects: Julia Morgan, Bernard Maybeck and Willis Polk. A copy of the National Register criteria is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Commission forward a recommendation to the State Historic Resources Commission supporting the nomination of the Arthur Monroe Free House to the National Register of Historic Places for its association with the lives of significant persons and for its architecture.

Courtney Damkroger
Historic Preservation Officer

Attachments

Pbce/002/historic/1-9-02/free house NR nomination SR

